

Dear FCC.

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It is my understanding that the airways belong to the public and not to the commercial companies who are licensed to use them. We need to make sure that the airways allow for diversity of information and opinion and that they pertain to the communities that they serve.

If we are to remain a democracy we need every possible way to inform our citizens about our government and our needs. Therefore it is paramount that the FCC in serving the public protect all of the rights and make sure that community radio and TV are maintained.

It is extremely annoying as well as unfair when a low powered community radio is overpowered by another station with a stronger signal. This frequently happens with Christian radio stations of which there seems to be many. This is because I listen mostly to the band that has NPR and to community radio which by its very nature has a low signal. The FCC, I believe, has a duty to protect these stations from this abuse. There needs to be room for every one.

I agree totally with the comment below which came from www.freepress.net.

Thank you. Sincerely, Suzanne D. Cohen

The FCC should consider the circumstances under which low power stations operate when determining the rules for their licensing. For LPFM service to be more accessible to community groups, the FCC should modify its rules so that typical changes on a non-profit board would be permissible under FCC rules. Similarly, the FCC should allow low power stations a greater amount of time to construct stations and to shift ownership.

The FCC has the responsibility to protect the service of low power radio and nurture its growth. Congress is considering legislation to expand the service by removing the restrictions on the third-adjacent channel, which could allow LPFM to expand into larger communities. The FCC should take every opportunity to tell Congress that the technological landscape is ready for this change.